

KANAB CITY COUNCIL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 9, 2014

KANE COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBERS

PRESENT: Mayor Robert D. Houston, Council Members Kirt Carpenter, Cheryl Brown, Kent Burggraaf, Brent Chamberlain and Joe B. Wright, City Recorder Joe Decker and City Treasurer RaeLene Johnson.

WORK MEETING: Mayor Houston opened the work meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Council Member Brown reported on the Skate Park Committee meeting. The Committee didn't think it was very realistic to try and raise \$250,000. They felt they could possibly raise \$125,000. They had the finished RFP. Council Member Brown felt the RFP was too extensive. It was suggested that they make the skate park a place for teenagers to meet "Teen Plaza". Council Member Wright felt the City needed to speed the process. Some students who have been giving a lot of time and effort to the fund raising will be out of school and out of the community soon. Doing the skate park in phases was discussed. Council Member Burggraaf didn't think it would be easy to get local funding through donations after the first phase. Mayor Houston said he was concerned. He didn't think that even \$125,000 could actually all come from fund raising. Council Member Carpenter said that the County agreed to match the City's \$15,000 if there was a written plan. Now that the draft RFP is completed, they should be willing to match. Council Member Brown also reported on the Arts Council meeting. They want to separate the gallery from the arts, but Arts Council would like to still use the basement in the museum. Council Member Chamberlain said that the Heritage Museum needed to use the additional space. Council Member Brown said that the Arts Council wants to use \$600 of the money for art classes and the remaining to be put into a capital projects account for fine arts.

Mayor Houston said he had met with the Water Conservancy District. He said there will be a change in the billing that will include a lot more information on the bill. The State wants a reduction in water use by 25% in the next couple of years. Council Member Carpenter talked about the water rates changing from the higher water users paying more instead of less.

Mr. Rich Csenge addressed the Council concerning the Amazing Earth Fest. He said he has been working on the Amazing Earth Fest for nine years. He wants to get a strategic plan to transition the Festival to sustain itself. He is asking for \$3,000 from the City. He feels he needs to hire a professional to be director of the Festival. He would also like to have a member of the Council be a liaison with the Amazing Earth Fest Board. Council Member Carpenter said he didn't mind helping these events for a few times, but they need to eventually sustain themselves.

Council Member Chamberlain left the meeting.

Mr. Csenge was told his request would be put on the next agenda for any action.

Prayer was offered by Joe B. Wright. Pledge of allegiance was led by Joe Decker.

Mayor Houston called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m. Roll Call was taken. Council Member Chamberlain excused.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Council Member Carpenter and 2nd by Council Member Brown to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously. Council Member Chamberlain absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Council Member Wright and 2nd by Council Member Brown to approve the minutes of August 26th as amended. Motion passed unanimously. Council Member Chamberlain absent.

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: A motion was made by Council Member Wright and 2nd by Council Member Brown to approve the check register for September 8 for \$155,231.48. Motion passed unanimously. Council Member Chamberlain absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: No comments received.

APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES: A motion was made by Council Member Wright and 2nd by Council Member Carpenter to approve the Interlocal Agreement for legal services with Kane County. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. Council Member Chamberlain absent. Council Member Burggraaf disclosed that he is employed by the attorney's office and would not be impacted economically by this agreement, so therefore he would not have to abstain from the vote.

APPROVAL OF LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CHILDREN'S JUSTICE CENTER AND KANAB CITY FOR A PORTION OF FIRE STATION #2: Tabled.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION 9-1-14R AMENDING THE KANAB CITY

PERSONNEL POLICY: A motion was made by Council Member Brown and 2nd by Council Member Carpenter to adopt Resolution #9-1-14 R amending the personnel policy concerning travel. It was amended to say reimbursement for travel expenses will be based on the current IRS formula for mileage and per diem. Motion passed by roll call vote. Council Member Chamberlain absent.

A motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Wright and 2nd by Council Member Brown. Motion passed unanimously. Council Member Chamberlain absent.

Robert D. Houston

Mayor

Recorder

Joe Decker